GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT SUBSIDY TO SUGAR FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sugar production recorded in the country during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy to sugar factories to encourage export; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount of subsidy given by the Government to sugar factories during 2006-07?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Sugar production during 2006-2007 sugar season is provisionally estimated at about 282 lac tons. During the current 2007-08 sugar season, the sugar production up to 15.01.2008 is provisionally estimated at about 89 lac tons and the season is still in progress.

(b)&(c): The Central Government is providing export assistance to sugar factories to defray expenditure on internal transport, marketing and handling charges and ocean freight @ Rs. 1350/- per ton for sugar factories located in coastal states and Rs. 1450/- per ton for sugar factories located in non-coastal states (subject to actuals for export by road/rail to neighbouring countries) for a period of one year with effect from 19.04.2007. An amount of Rs. 20.96 crore was disbursed to various sugar mills as export assistance during the financial year 2006-07 in respect of export of sugar made with effect from 21.06.2002 to 18.08.2004. No payment has been made in 2006-07 for exports made on or after 19.04.2007.